

## JOHN McKEY AND MARY ANN SHELTON FAUSCETT

John McKey Fauscett was born December 22, 1804 in Sweeney County, Tennessee, a son of Richard and Mary McKey Fauscett. He married Margaret Smith in Nauvoo, Ill. Later he married Mary Ann Shelton in Provo. He died March 29, 1874 in Midway.

Mary Ann Shelton was born December 25, 1831, in Missouri, a daughter of Stephen Shelton and Nancy Brown Shelton. She died in Midway August 3, 1900.

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John McKey Fauscett became a member of the Church and was one of Joseph Smith's bodyguards at the time of his martyrdom in Nauvoo, Ill.

He first married a young widow, Margaret Smith, who had one son, Jackson Smith, at the time of her marriage to Mr. Fauscett. She was born in 1798.

John McKey Fauscett crossed the plains by ox team in 1853 and settled in Provo, Utah. He met and married Mary Ann Shelton. They moved to Midway when there were only five families at the Upper Settlement, about one mile north and east of Schneitter's Hot Pot Resort. They lived in a dugout the first year as they were too busy planting crops and harvesting them to build a cabin. Later he built a log cabin close by one of the warm springs.

The people in the settlement owned quite a number of sheep and they pooled them together and Mr. Fauscett cared for them with the help of his wife and children. Mary Ann Shelton Fauscett was a quarterblood Cherokee Indian and was very successful in dickering with the Indians. On numerous occasions she was able to go and get sheep after they had been stolen and bring them safely back to the fold. To avoid this trouble, they moved up into mountains into what was called the White Pines, during the summer months with their sheep and cows. The Indians would not go there as they claimed there was a large serpent in the lake that was in the White Pines. But up in this section the bears were very troublesome and great care had to be taken to protect themselves and their animals from marauding bears.

John Fauscett was active in the Church and was a counselor to Sidney Epperson who was the First Presiding Elder in the settlement. He was kind and charitable and a friend to everyone.

Mary Ann Shelton Fauscett's mother died when she was one year old and she had

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three brothers that she talked of many times. She was baptized by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and told of sitting on his lap and hearing him talk. She crossed the plains with her father, walking all the way barefooted. They settled in Provo where she married her husband and where their first child was born. Her life was carried on in the activities of her husband after they came to Midway to live.

After her husband's death in 1874 she carried on the heavy burden of providing for her large family, going each summer to the White Pines with her cows. There she made butter and sold milk, butter, butter-milk and eggs to the miners and loggers, often walking over the hills to Park City to deliver them to those who needed them. She also carded and spun wool and knitted socks and mittens and sold them to the miners and loggers. She also washed for them. The flat where she had her summer home was called "Buttermilk Flat." She was also an expert soap maker.

From her Indian ancestry she inherited the knowledge of roots and herbs and plants. Their food and medicinal value was called on constantly to help in times of sickness and death. She never turned anyone away from her door hungry and was known to all as "Aunt Polly." She helped rear and care for a nephew and niece, Stephen Shelton and Margaret Shelton. Stephen died without marrying, but Margaret married James Kinsey and was the mother of four fine sons.

She was faithful and true to her religion and never complained through all her trials and sorrows, but praised the Lord and always, to the day of her death, bore the same strong testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to the divine calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Children of John Fauscett and Margaret Smith:

Mrs. George Washington (Amanda) Clift  
Lucretia  
William.

Children of John Fauscett and Mary Ann Shelton:

Mrs. James (Nancy) Davis  
Mrs. John (Margaret Ann) Van Wagoner, Sr.  
Mrs. Heber (Amanda) Wardle  
Mrs. Felix (Mary Elizabeth) Murphey  
Mrs. John (Sarah M.) Hartnett  
Mrs. Charles (Julia Ann) Zufelt  
Mrs. Thomas (Abigail Eliza) Hair

## MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES

Jannette died in childhood  
Mrs. William (Ester Jane) Graham  
John William married Irene Burgener  
David died in infancy.